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Owner: E. Korn
Hackensack, New Jersey

Date of Erection: 1701-1710

Architect:

Builder: (Probable) Stephanus Titsworth

Present Condition: Fair

Number of Stories: One and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - stone

Interior walls - plaster

Inside stone chimney

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

Some say this house was built in 1701; others say 1710. A log house is supposed to have been built first and then the present structure. It was probably built by Stephanus in the traditional year 1701. Those who claim 1710 as the date of erection say that William Titsworth was the builder, but unfortunately William was not born until 1706.


Abraham Willemszen van Amsterdam married in New Amsterdam in 1647 Aechtje Jans van Naerdon. From this marriage there was a son Willem Abramhamse Tietsoort. William settled in Schenectady by 1676. He was located at the forks of the Delaware before 1698 when he received government license to purchase lands from the Indians. On June 30, 1700 he received a legal deed from the Indians for land on the Delaware at Port Jervis and for two other parcels. It was he who sold to Jan Dekker in 1713. The Dekkers were to be the founders of Sussex, formerly called Deckertown.. William went back to Dutchess County, New York.

William had a son Stephanus who was born about 1680 in Schenectady. Stephanus married in 1702 at Kingston, New York and was recorded then as living in Minisink. He is considered the probable builder of the house; however, William Titsworth, considered by many the builder, is the first of the family connected with the homestead. He was baptized in 1706 and died in 1791.

The property remained in the possession of the Titsworth family until William Titsworth's widow Kate sold about 1902 to Jason House. William Titsworth was the eighth generation from the first William. The house was not occupied, however, all this time by members of the family, for Dr. John Titsworth of the seventh generation built the large house standing in the rear of the present structure.

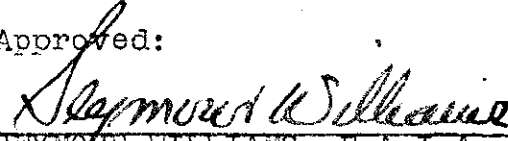
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